# NEWS AND GOSSIP OF THE HARNESS AND SADDLE HO

Trotting Association's Committee on Rules and Bylaws got together in Chicago on January 18 and agreed upon market and the show ring has of late

An extraordinary change in the bylaws recommended by the committee would seam to put it in the power of the President of the A. T. A. to control the make-up of the Board of Appeals as long as he was in office. The plan is to give him authority to appoint three of the seven members of the still based of applications.

DOINT BREEZE PARK, one of the Doldest mile tracks in the United States, has just been sold to a syndicate of Philadelphia real estate operators, and soon will pass out of existence as a wealthy amateurs, in 18%, to replace the historic Hunting Fark course, Point Breeze was at first conducted as an exclusive club track, and in later years was the scene of many memorable public races. Budd Doble rode his first race there, in 1858. John E. Turner, now in his eighty-third year, is reported to have said recently that he first drove in a race for money at Point Breeze in 1868, but in this the veteran reinsman's memory seems to have failed him. Contemporaneous records show that Turner drove Hard Read in a winning race with D. B. Stetson's Cornet at Point Breeze on November 18, 1867, and that he won a purse of \$50 with the same horse earlier in the same year at the Chestnut Hill Course, in Philadelphia. The greatest crowd that ever attended a treiting race in the Quaker City was at Point Breeze, on September 2, 1869, when Lady trotting course, it is said. Built by ting race in the Quaker City was at Point Breezo, on September 9, 1869, when Lady Thorn defeated Goldsmith Maid and American Girl for a purse of \$2,500. The gate receipts on this occasion are said to have exceeded \$20,000. In 1888 the track was sold under foreclosure proceedings to the Philadelphia Driving Park Association, and in 1902 it changed hands again by saie to Hugh McAneny and A. A. Hirst.

AMES A. MURPHY, owner of Don Derby, 2:04%, and Ardelle, 2:04%, and one of the chief promoters of the Grand Circuit troiting meeting at the Empire track in 1910, was perhaps the most disappointed horseman in New York when the promoters of the proposed meeting at Gravesend abandoned the project on fail-

Gravesend abandoned the project on falling to obtain that track.

"I was getting all ready to enjoy myself next summer watching the other fellows improve on our meeting at the Empire track," he said, with a twinkle in his eye the other day at the Waldorf. "When somebody gives the boys another chance to troi their horses for \$2,500 stakes at a cost of \$50 to start, takes in as much real money at the gate, and without getting any revenue from betting pays off promptly every obligation incurred with a loss of less than \$1% to any one connected with the meeting I want to be there to congratulate the man who does it."

R ACING laws in New York seem to present different aspects to directors of tracks adjacent to King's Highway. While the Brooklyn Jockey Club has refused to lease its grounds for a Grand Circuit trotting meeting, for fear its directors would be oriminally liable if bookmaking was permitted at the harness races, the directors of the Parkway Driving Club, right across the road, are going ahead with their plans for a summer trotting meeting, apparently unconscious of any danger of being sent to the peni-tentiary.

Baron La Foliette, 2:084, has just passed into the hands of an owner who is not an admirer of the Wisconsin Senator. At a cost of \$50 the Iowa pacer's name will be changed to Topaz Wine before he is entered in races through the Grand Circuit.

Although the Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' Association voted re-cently to make the Kentucky Futurity a two-in-three heat race, the change will not take effect until 1915, entries having closed for the races of 1912, 1913 and 1914 before the three-in-the system was thrown overboard. In future the purse will be \$25,000 for four



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